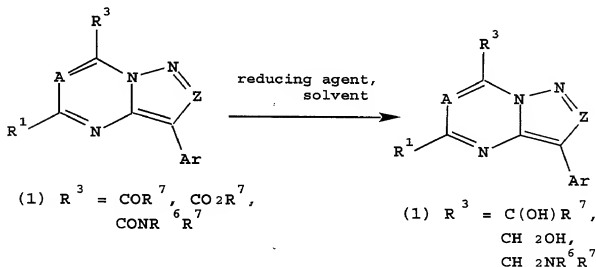


acetonitrile), dialkyl ethers (preferably diethyl ether), cyclic ethers (preferably tetrahydrofuran or 1,4-dioxane), N,N-dialkylformamides (preferably dimethylformamide), N,N-dialkylacetamides (preferably dimethylacetamide), cyclic amides (preferably N-methylpyrrolidin-2-one), dialkylsulfoxides (preferably dimethylsulfoxide), aromatic hydrocarbons (preferably benzene or toluene) or haloalkanes of 1 to 10 carbons and 1 to 10 halogens (preferably dichloromethane). Preferred reaction temperatures range from 50°C to 150°C.

In Scheme 11, the procedures which may be used to convert compounds of Formula (1), where R^3 is COR^7 , CO_2R^7 , NR^8COR^7 and $CONR^6R^7$, to other compounds of Formula (1), where R^3 is $CH(OH)R^7$, CH_2OH , $NR^8CH_2R^7$ and $CH_2NR^6R^7$ by treatment with a reducing agent in an inert solvent at temperatures ranging from -80°C to 250°C.

SCHEME 11



Reducing agents include, but are not limited to, alkali metal or alkaline earth metal borohydrides (preferably lithium or sodium borohydride), borane, dialkylboranes (such as di-isoamylborane), alkali metal aluminum hydrides (preferably lithium aluminum hydride) hydride, alkali metal(trialkoxo)aluminum hydrides, or dialkyl aluminum